



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FOOD DRIVE DAY

- WHEREAS: Hunger affects an estimated 30 million people, including 12 million children, every day in the United States. Members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the United States Postal Service recognized hunger issues in communities throughout the country and were inspired to start a national food drive; and
- WHEREAS: Food bank shelves, filled from drives during the winter holidays, are often bare by late spring; and
- WHEREAS: Last year, the NALC "Stamp Out Hunger! Food Drive" collected 71 million pounds of donated food and distributed the food in more than 10,000 cities and towns across the country. Georgians donated approximately 1.8 million pounds of food in the effort; and
- WHEREAS: This year, the NALC "Stamp Out Hunger! Food Drive" will take place on May 14. Georgians are encouraged to participate in the world's largest single-day donation drive by placing non-perishable food items next to their mailboxes on May 14; and
- WHEREAS: The need for food assistance remains an important issue in our state and nation. It is our duty as citizens to bring awareness to the ongoing problem of hunger and contribute to this important cause; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2016, as FOOD DRIVE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF